

Date: Thursday February 10, 2022
Time: 1400 to 1500 hours
Location: Microsoft TEAMS
Topic: Freedom Convoy

The meeting objective will be for intelligence and information sharing, to assist with informing local decision making and identifying opportunities for strategic collaboration. The intent is not to make operational decisions, or provide operational direction. It is to ensure that information and structures are in place to assist with joint decision making amongst affected police services.

Invited Participants;

Commissioner Thomas Carrique, OPP
Deputy Commissioner Rose DiMarco, OPP
Deputy Commissioner Chris Harkins, OPP
Deputy Commissioner Chuck Cox, OPP
Chief Superintendent Rohan Thompson
Chief Superintendent Carson Pardy, OPP
Superintendent Pat Morris, OPP
Superintendent Mike McDonell, OPP
A/Commissioner Ches Parsons, RCMP
Chief Stephen Tanner, Halton Police Service
Chief Todd Rollauer, Durham Regional PS

Chief Jim MacSween, York Regional Police
Chief Jim Ramer, Toronto Police Service
Chief Nishan Duraipappah, Peel Regional Police
Chief Frank Bergen, Hamilton Police Service
Chief Peter Sloly, Ottawa Police Service
Chief Pamela Mizuno, Windsor Police Service
Chief Paul Pederson, Greater Sudbury PS
Chief Stephen Williams, London Police Service
A/Commissioner Michel Arcand, RCMP
A/Chief Bill Fordy, Niagara Regional Police
Superintendent Tom Berczi, Waterloo Reg. PS

Agenda

1. Intelligence Briefing

Superintendent Pat Morris, Provincial Operations Intelligence Bureau, OPP

Supt Pat Morris

- provide overview and background/ context related to protests. Important to understand criminality.
- Thank you to all agencies participating in Hendon. Involves all your agencies (across Ontario and Canada). Mandate derived from Jan 2020 extremist behavior.
- Dec 2020- Project Arden- Vaccine security and criminal threats to political persons and Chief Medical Officer.
- Since April 2021, and re-escalation of PH Regulations, massive increase in amalgamation of groups to align. Was about perspectives on China, trade, inflation and mandates related to vaccines. Anti- government.

- G8/ G20; Idle No More; specific to purpose. Witnessed sympathetic movements. MMO/ Caledonia is different situation than Ottawa. Willfulness to commit criminal offences common thread.
- Hendon held first call on January 21st and now have daily call. By in large, there was nil criminality as it rolled from Vancouver to Ontario. Mass capacity to collect money and support.
- We do not see this as being portrayed in the media; as time has gone on, we are actively engaged with open source and analyst review. 8 covert operations teams on ground. Communicating closely with OPS.
- TPS did well locking down TO last week.
- Seeing some trucks leave on the periphery where they can; seeing aggravation over the funds and many parts of the resentment of people who want to be seen as regular people.
- 400 trucks- lower end criminal acts.
- Have been monitoring since before they entered Ontario on Jan 26.
- See 40-50 main organizers. Moving forward, see significant support and financial support. They house extremists within them.
- Intelligence to be acted on- areas around the bridges- huge economic impact.
- Bluewater Bridge- is open- traffic flow just below normal. 402 closed down by farmers- not extremists or people with criminal history.
- Nipigon Bridge is critical artery- monitoring
- Niagara- four bridges- 2 permit CMV traffic.
- Toronto- will be critical. HSD and MIC connected. Was clear that there would not be longevity to the protest.
- Main issues arguing for, they are committed to. Recent political differences are playing out within their movements.

Chief Sloly- can you share your briefing in a document to us?

Supt Morris- not all is available. Will make myself available for operational intelligence report and follow up discussions offline.

2. Update on Status of Integrated Response Planning Team

Chief Superintendent Carson Pardy, OPP

Chief Carson Pardy

- Thank you to all contributing members. Have representation YRP, RCMP, PRPS, OPS, TPS to de-conflict and compliment the plan. Developing a mobilization plan to compliment the OPS plan.
- Alive to protests across the province and need to shift if necessary. De-conflicting on resource component. Mobilizing resources from OPS, RCMP and OPP – QRT teams to support our officers.
- Team met with Deputy Chief from OPS and Chief Sloly on Tuesday night. Have contingency to bring back to OPS. Looking at big picture. Want to speak to provincial and national implications- not just local focus.
- Need to be mindful and do de-confliction as necessary to serve the province.

Chief Sloly- Good progress made already. Healthy and good discussions. Want to do more than maintenance, need to have resources to extend from maintenance into operations to bring to conclusion more than have been so today. Recognizing it is multi- jurisdictional.

Chief Pardy- not stopping at maintenance- we are continuing to plan. PLT representative presentation today. Looking at it nationally. Keeping lines of communication wide open to properly brief and deploy. Deployment of initial officers started last night; significant logistics component. Hotels are already full.

Chief Sloly- Would like to have more officers beyond what you're coordinating but don't want to conflict with what is going on around the province.

Commissioner Carrique- if we can be copied on that communication so we can add to our planning – ensure they're accounted for. Don't want to stand in way of communication, but if it can flow through all entities (via Chief Pardy) will be helpful.

Chief Pardy- don't want to duplicate effort- so when looking at OPS plan, have firm understanding of resourcing and awareness. Logistic support will be needed.

3. MTO Requests

Chief Superintendent Rohan Thompson, OPP

Deputy DiMarco-

- Problem with MTO getting calls from individual police agencies- no capacity to coordinate. We have weekly calls with MTO members- they asked if we could take it o to help coordinate better. We have done that. Have received list of MTO inspectors- it is broken into regions. 185 available to us and their shifts they are working and available to deploy elsewhere in the province. Looking for support that if you're planning to put into your plans that they come in through

the OPP and will coordinate with MTO. Create more efficient way for MTO to be deployed.

- MTO has contracted tow trucks in relation to their scales. Only six of them; looking at MTO to get heavy tow list. Still in process of doing that currently.
- Will send out info after this meeting with the EOC contact information so it can be actioned 24/7. Deputy DiMarco to send that out following the call.

4. Hub Co-ordination of Police Resources

Superintendent Tom Berczi, Waterloo Regional Police Service & Superintendent Mike McDonell, OPP

- OACP working group. Trying to balance resources across the province.
- Two hubs that are operational. Ottawa Hub so tasked cannot be relied on for resources. Police services with POU- have created hub chairs. Balance the needs within the hub.
- Last weekend was put together informally.
- Levels of public safety: when / why POU engaged presented. Each hub will use as standard to assess and assign as requested.
- Prioritization- hub chairs meet daily (situational awareness- not decision making). Hub Chairs meet to discuss/ how to assist one another if imbalance.

Commissioner- as of last weekend and this weekend, if don't have enough POU, would look to Chief/ delegate to come together based on what resources are available across the province.

Supt McDonell

- Staffing up hubs and disperse the needs across the Big 12- not to stress any one police agency. Proper resource coverage.

Commissioner- shared communication last week asking that EOC be copied for any POU requests so we can balance and identify priorities.

Supt McDonell- weekly document to refresh the picture of resource availability. Maintained by EOC/ POC after hours. Takes guess work out of the equation.

Supt McDonell to put form and structure in writing to share with policing partners.

5. Status of ongoing & upcoming Demonstrations

Police Service of Jurisdiction Roundtable

Chief Sloly- two targets yesterday. PLT resolved one staging area to reasonable level. Able to get some vehicles out. Without enough POU support couldn't take it down.

Negotiated 12 vehicles out of core downtown (wellington) PLT showing their value.
Chief Pardy assisting with that.
Cancelled all days off- putting everyone on ground. Appreciate all the support.

Chief Mizuno- thank you for the support. Continuous negotiating ongoing. Activity ramps up in the evening.

Round Table-

Chief Nish- we are establishing plan for Pearson International. No reliable information that there will be activity but monitoring.

Chief Bergen- Hamilton- info forwarded to the hub

Chief McSween- providing air support to Toronto this weekend. Have a rallying point around Vaughan Mills Mall. Working with TPS on that.

Commissioner- OACP has offered to develop updated Key Messages. Should expect updated KMs from them anytime now.

Interest in Intel, Planning group and Hub discussions?

Will set up for tomorrow- daily cadence. Keep communication flowing and coordination optimized.

Chief Tanner- can lend our support- next meeting for early next week may be better.

Commissioner- Will set up in terms of intelligence briefing for tomorrow, for those that can make it.